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an elongated first scale made of metal and having a lower surface and an upper surface, said lower surface being rigidly and unreleasably attached to said scale-supporting section and said upper surface having first indicia to indicate predetermined lengths along said first scale, and

said finger-resting surface permitting fingers of a user gripping said guiding device to be positioned on said finger-resting surface while being protected from an implement by said upstanding section during movement of the implement along said guiding device adjacent said first scale.

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18. (Amended) A guiding device according to claim 13, wherein said bottom surface includes second indicia indicating predetermined lengths along said bottom surface. - -

Changes to the claims are shown by underlining and bracketing in the Appendix, attached below.

NEW CLAIMS:

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Please add new claims 21-23 as follows:

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21. (New) A guiding device, comprising:
an elongated finger-resting surface;
an elongated upstanding section projecting upwardly from said finger-resting surface;
an elongated scale-supporting section coupled to and extending along said upstanding section with said upstanding section being positioned between said scale-supporting section and said finger-resting surface, said scale-supporting section being inclined with respect to a guiding device supporting surface; and
an elongated first scale having a lower surface and an upper surface, said lower surface being rigidly and unreleasably attached to said scale-supporting section and said upper surface having first indicia to indicate predetermined lengths along said first scale, and
said finger-resting surface permitting fingers of a user gripping said guiding device to be positioned on said finger-resting surface while being protected from an implement by said

upstanding section during movement of the implement along said guiding device adjacent said first scale.

22. A guiding device according to claim 21, wherein
said upstanding section has a closed free end that contains no upwardly projecting
openings.

23. A guiding device according to claim 1, wherein
said upstanding section has a closed free end that contains no upwardly projecting
openings.